THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) According to Coir Board, there had been no export of coir and coir products from Andhra Pradesh during 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86;

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The various steps taken to step up exports from India include sending trade delegations, conducting market studies and market research, releasing advertisements in foreign trade magazines and distribution of publicity material, participation in fairs in major markets, quality improvement of coir products and grant of Cash Compensatory Support.

Firing by Pakistani Police on BSF

1713. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the 6th July, 1987 Pakistani Police opened fire on our Border Security Force personnel to rescue the Pakistani nationals who were apprehended while crossing over to Indian border;

(b) what is the number of Pakistanis arrested and jailed for entering Indian territory during the past two years; and

(c) how many of them have since been deported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES, AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) It is a fact that a BSF Naka Party Ex-BOP Dhariwal, Amritsar Sector was fired upon by intruders wearing uniform of Pak Rangers. The incident took place on the 6th July, 1987 at about 0315 hrs. when the BSF troops were advancing to search the area, after an encounter with 5 intrusts from Pakistan, which resulted in the death of 2 intruders, while the remaining 3 managed to escape.

(b) and (c) Guarding of international border is the responsibility of the Central Government. Accordingly, the BSF is deployed on the borders. The BSF apprehends persons who try to cross the border illegally. Out of those apprhended, the persons who are suspected of indulging in smuggling, cattle lifting, saying etc. are handed over to the State Police authorities concerned and the remaining are pushed back. During the year, 1985, 4617 infiltrators were apprehended on Indo-Pak border out of which 3757 were pushed back and the remaining 860 were handed over to State Police. During the year 1986, 4337 infiltrators were apprehended at the border out of which 3340 were pushed back and the remaining 997 were handed over to the State Police. It is for the State Govt. concerned to whom the BSF hands over the persons apprehended, to investigate, establish the identity and nationality of the infiltrators, prosecute and take necessary further action under the law and finally to deport them after their sentences of imprisonment are over. In view of this, it is not possible for the Central Govt. to furnish information on this matter.

Schemes for the uplift of handloom weavers in Andhra Pradesh

1714. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state what are the schemes being implemented by the Central Government for the uplift of the handloom weavers in Andhra Pradesh and the amount so far sanctioned for the same?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): The schemes being implemented by the Central Government for the uplift of handloom weavers in the country, including Andhra Pradesh are as follows:—

1. Share capital assistance to handloom weavers to enroll themselves as members of cooperative societies;

2. Share capital assistance to handloom weavers primary cooperative societies and State handloom development corporations;

3. Assistance for modernisation of looms;

4. Managerial subsidy to handloom weavers primary societies;

5. Financial assistance to State handloom development corporations and handloom cooperative societies for setting up pre-loom and post-loom processing facilities;

6. Special rebate at the rate of 20 per cent on sale of handloom products;

7. Janata Cloth Schemes;

8. Thrift Fund Scheme; and

9. Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme.

The total assistance so far sanctioned for the schemes in A.P. is as follows:—

	(Rs. in lakhs)
Plan	2920.31
Non-Plan	5873.50

Flower plants, medicinal plants and herbs in the forests of Andhra Pradesh

1715. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any field survey in Andhra Pradesh forests in regard to the availability of flower plants, medicinal plants and herbs; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the survey?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Botanical Survey of India has conducted a total of 68 surveys including ethnobotanical studies in the tribal areas of 10 districts of Andhra Pradesh. Herbarium specimens of plants of Andhra Pradesh preserved in the herbarium at Coimbatore amounts to 20,000 specimens. Total number of species of plants collected amounts to 2,000 species. Economic and medicinal plants amount to 500 species.

M/s. Krishna Engineering works, Wazirpur Industrial area, Delhi

1716. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Krishna Engineering Works, A-107, Wazirpur Industrial Area, Delhi and its sister concerns have not deposited the Provident Fund contribution of their employees with the Provident Fund Commissioner, Delhi since April, 1986 despite the fact that they have deducted the employees' contributions towards the fund from their salaries and wages;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this mis-appropriation has been committed in connivance with the officials/Inspectors of P. F. department; and

(c) if so, what action is being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A SANGMA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Export of Frog-legs

1717. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to permit the export of frog-legs; and

(b) if so, what are the rasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) The export of frog-legs has